सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) विभिन्न कारणों, जिनमें प्रसारण समय, तथा साधन और जन शक्ति की कमी भी शामिल है, की वजह से राष्ट्रीय नेटवर्क में उर्दू समाचार बुलेटिन प्रसारित करना संभव नहीं पाया गया है ।

**Telecasting of 'Krishna' Serial**

*77. DR. PATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special appeal has been made to Government for permission to telecast' 'Krishna' serial; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Letters have been received from the Members of Parliament and the public for telecast of Shri Ramanand Sagar's serial, "Krishna".

(b) No decision has been taken so far by the Government to telecast the serial in question.

*78. [Transfarred to the 4th September, 1991.]

**Settlement of Bhopal Gas Victims**

*79. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that welfare organisations working in Bhopal for gas victims have threatened to take stronger measures if the Central Government does not clarify its stand on the settlement of Bhopal gas victims;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the steps taken by the Union Government to redress the grievances of these gas victims are inadequate; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and what fresh measures Government propose to take to provide adequate relief to the victims of Bhopal Gas disaster?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

(a) The settlement order dated the 14th and 15th February, 1989 of the Supreme Court directing the Union Carbide Corporation, USA and Union Carbide India Limited to pay a sum of US $ 470 million in full settlement of all the claims is the subject of several review petitions. The Government is supporting the review petitions. The matter is presently sub judice in the Supreme Court.

(b) and (c) A number of steps have been taken to assist the victims of the gas leakage:

(i) An Interim Relief of Rs. 200 per month is being given with effect from 1-4-1990 to the residents of the 36 severely affected municipal wards of Bhopal.

(ii) Government has approved an Action Plan of Rs. 163.10 crores for Rehabilitation of the Bhopal

Gas Victims. The expenditure on this action plan will be shared between the Central Government and the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the ratio of 75 : 25. A sum of Rs. 30.56 crores has been released as share of the Central Government. The plan includes Economic, Social, Environmental and Medical Rehabilitation Programmes.

**Prices of tyres and tubes**

*80. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted the tyre companies to raise the prices of tyres and tubes; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir. There is no statutory Control over the prices of tyres and tubes.

(b) Does not arise.

**Super Bazar**

115. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Super Bazar, Delhi has completed 25 years of its existence;

(b) whether the Super Bazar has been successful in providing essential commodities to common man at reasonable prices and in time, if so, the extent thereof;

(c) how far Super Bazar has been able to maintain continuous supply of essential commodities and check rise in their prices;

(d) what has been its working results during the last three years; and

(e) what are the future plans of Government to improve its working?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Super Bazar endeavours to procure and provide essential commodities to its customers at reasonable prices commensurate with quality. Super Bazar has been making all out efforts to maintain the supply line of items of daily need as far as possible. Even in cases of an item being out of supply in open markets, Super Bazar always makes efforts that the item is atleast made available through its outlets at reasonable price Super Bazar has been able to check the abnormal rise in prices of essential commodities. However, sometime one or other item may not be available at one outlet or the other due to various reasons such as short supply, non-availability of items with source of procurement i.e. manufacturers/distributors, or the quality available is not approved by the testing laboratory or for certain unavoidable administrative reasons.

(d) Working results of the Super Bazar from 1986-87 to 1989-90 are as under:—

*Rs in lakhs*

| | 1986—87 | 1987—89 | 1989—90 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | July, 87 to March, 89 | |
| 1. Sales turnover | 6977.18 | 15898.02 | 9919.30 |
| 2. Gross profit | 454.22 | 964.37 | 722.20 |
| 3. Net profit | +65.56 | + 93.97 | +53.39 |